REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

RELATIVE TO

Transfers from one appropriation to another appropriation, applicable to the year ending 30th June, 1845.

DECEMBER 8, 1845. Read, and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, December 5, 1845.

Sir: In obedience to the provisions of an act of the 3d of March, 1809, "further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy departments," and subsequent acts relative to transfers of appropriation, I have the honor to report to Congress, that, in April last, I made application to the President, who approved and directed the transfer required by the Quartermaster General, as exhibited in his letter of the 18th of April last; and the transfers were made, as reported by the Second Comptroller in his letter of the 2d instant; copies of which are herewith respectfully transmitted to Congress in duplicate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY.

Hon. George M. Dallas,
Vice President of the United States,
and President of the Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Second Comptroller's Office, December 2, 1845.

Sin: It appears from the records of this office, that, in April last, there was made, on the application of the Quartermaster General, through the Secretary of War, a transfer from certain heads of appropriation for the Quartermaster's department, applicable to the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1845, to other heads, under which there was a deficiency in that branch of service.

This was done by order of the President of the United States, dated 22d April, 1845, in pursuance of authority vested in him by the 5th section of the act of 1st May, 1820, entitled "An act in addition to the several acts for the stablishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy departments."

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Treasury warrant No. 11, dated 23d April, 1845, directed the Comptrollers and Register of the Treasury to transfer thus:

From "incidental expenses of Quartermaster's department" - \$60,000 00 To "barracks, quarters," &c. - - \$50,000 00

"Transportation of officers' baggage" - 10,000 00

\$60,000 00

The Treasury warrant is filed in this office, according to precedent in like cases.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

ALBION K. PARRIS, Comptroller.

Hon. Wm. L. Marcy, Secretary of War.

> QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington city, April 18, 1845.

SIR: I have the honor to submit a statement from the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, by which it appears that the appropriation for the Quatermaster's department on account of barracks and quarters, for the present fiscal year, is entirely exhausted; and that the appropriation for the same department, on account of the travelling allowance to officers, is reduced to \$1,055 67. I estimate that about \$50,000 will be required under the former, and \$10,000, in addition to the balance in the treasury, under the latter head of appropriation, to meet the demands of the service to the close

of the year.

It also appears from the statement of the Comptroller, that there is remaining in the treasury of the appropriation for the Quartermaster's department, on account of incidental expenses, the sum of \$142,038 99. From \$70,000 to \$80,000 of that amount will be sufficient to meet all the demands under that head of appropriation to the close of the year. The sums, therefore, required under the two heads before mentioned, can be spared from that without the slightest inconvenience to the service; and I respectfully recommend that application be made to the President to direct the necessary transfers, under the authority vested in him by the 5th section of an act of Congress, entitled "An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy departments," approved the 1st of May, 1820.

And I am, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

TH. S. JESUP, Quartermaster General.

Hon. WILLIAM L. MARCY, Secretary of War, Washington city.